

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

WHITEMORE PARK MIDDLE

Horry

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 529

Principal: Robbie Watkins

Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry

Board Chair: Will Garland

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R

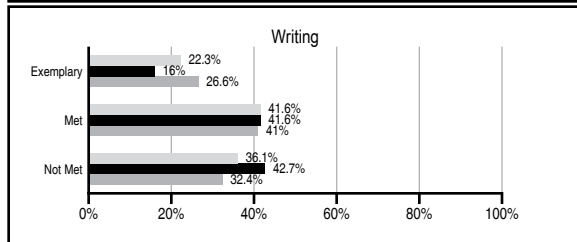
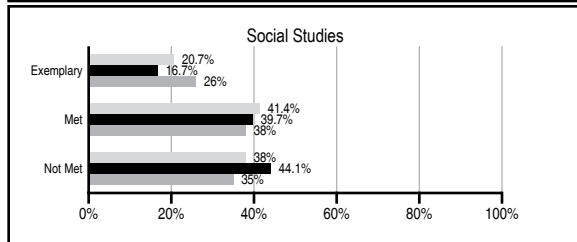
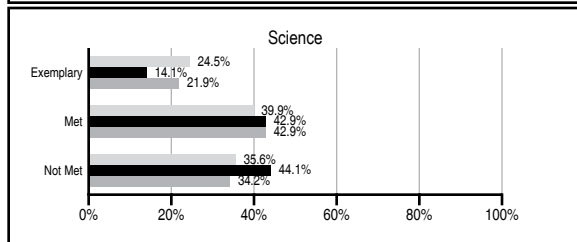
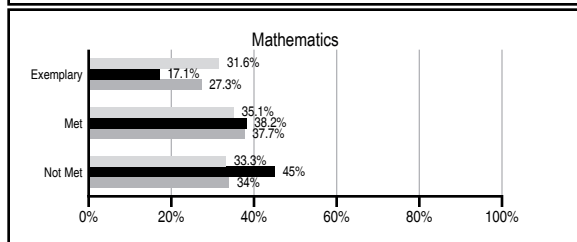
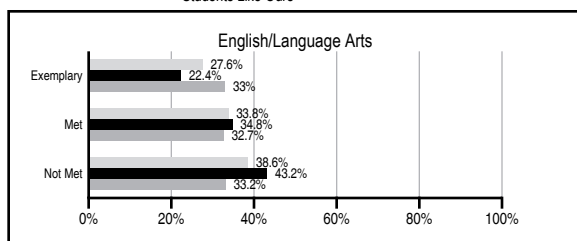
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	23	28	5

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	32	44	23	2
Nation	26	43	28	2

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

MATH – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	98.2	92.8
English 1	100.0	90.1
Physical Science	N/A	68.7
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.3	90.9

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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WHITTEMORE PARK MIDDLE [Horry]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=529)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	36.0%	Up from 32.7%	14.5%	24.2%
Retention rate	0.4%	Down from 0.9%	0.9%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Down from 96.1%	95.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.6%	Down from 18.6%	10.5%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	22.3%	Up from 19.0%	13.4%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	2.1%	Up from 0.9%	4.0%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 1.4%	0.3%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=45)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.2%	No Change	58.3%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	68.9%	Up from 62.2%	70.0%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.9%	Down from 10.0%	10.0%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.2%	Up from 80.7%	80.7%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.8%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,253	Down 1.4%	\$45,064	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	Down from 2.9%	2.9%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	9.6 days	Down from 12.3 days	11.1 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	13.5 to 1	Down from 16.0 to 1	19.7 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.2%	Down from 87.7%	89.9%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.8%	Up from 86.3%	95.6%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,871	Up 2.2%	\$9,161	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.3%	No Change	62.1%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.1%	Up from 44.2%	57.6%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	No Change	91.8%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	37	160	50
Percent satisfied with learning environment	72.2%	74.2%	77.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	73.0%	71.2%	57.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	64.9%	78.2%	69.4%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The faculty and staff of Whittemore Park have had a successful and productive 2009-2010 school year. Our students have performed not only in the classroom but also in the community and in their extracurricular activities. WPM students have shown overwhelming growth on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), and we fully expect the same performance on PASS. Students in our strategic and intensive classes have made tremendous progress over the school year on benchmark tasks. This year ten students were identified as Junior Scholars, ten students were Explore Scholar, and we had one student identified as a John Hopkins Scholar.

Our students are afforded many opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities. Our Mock Trial team competed in regional competition, the Math Counts Team placed 7th in regional competition, four students received 1st place honors in the 1st Annual Horry County Technology Fair, and 4 students received honors at Math Fest. Six students were selected for All-County Band, two were selected for Region Band, and one was invited to audition for All-State Band. WPMS also had 15 All County Chorus students this year that participated in a 2 day workshop/clinic followed by a concert. Eight art students received scholarships for the CCU Gifted and Talented Summer Arts Academy. Fifteen members of the Wright Flight club will be rewarded with plane rides based on their performance in the classroom and as part of accomplishing academic goals. Our students have participated in many community service projects. Thanks to the Builder's Club, 100 Point Club, and 4H Club, we have new landscaping around our front entrance in honor of Arbor Day. The Builder's Club also collected shoes for Africa as a part of the Souls for Heart program and will participate in Relay for Life. Our 7th grade Carolina Girls collected cans as a fundraiser to help families in need at Christmas while our 8th grade team sold links to support families at Christmas. The Chorus Department coordinated a benefit for one of our students in order to offset medical expenses, and our football team joined forces to do yard clean-up and small repair for members of our community.

Our teachers have continued with their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and have focused on writing common assessments. We were also fortunate to partner with John Antonetti and Jim Garver, national consultant with Colleagues on Call, in order to work on the eight engagement qualities. Teachers have participated in learning walks and have worked on designing lessons to incorporate the engagement qualities into their lesson plans.

We are very fortunate to have the support of a strong PTO and countless volunteers who have supported and assisted in helping our teachers, staff, and students many different projects and tasks. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our school family.

Robbie Watkins, Principal Jim Rabon, SIC Chair

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